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Subject: VIRGIL C. SUMMER NUCLEAR STATION (VCSNS)
DOCKET NO. 50/395
OPERATING LICENSE NO. NPF-12
Licensee Event Report, (LER 970001)

Attached is Licensee Event Report No. 970001 for the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station. This report is submitted pursuant to the requirements of 10CFR50.73(a)(2)(iv).

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PLANT IDENTIFICATION

Westinghouse - Pressurized Water Reactor

EQUIPMENT IDENTIFICATION

Hydraulic "O" ring in Electro-Hydraulic Control System
EIIIS System Code - TG

IDENTIFICATION OF EVENT

Manual Reactor Trip

EVENT DATE

April 22, 1997

REPORT DATE

May 20, 1997

This report was initiated by CER 970353

CONDITIONS PRIOR TO EVENT

MODE 1 - 100% Reactor Power

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

On April 22, 1997, plant personnel conservatively initiated a manual reactor trip in response to a leak on the Main Turbine Electro-Hydraulic Control (EHC) system. It was subsequently determined that an "O" ring on the shutdown servo to Combined Intercept Valve (CIV) #1 had failed. Although Feedwater Isolation was achieved, one Feedwater Regulating Valve (FRV) was slow to completely close in response to a Feedwater Isolation Signal. All other systems functioned per design. Repairs were accomplished and the plant restarted.

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CAUSE OF EVENT

The cause of the manual reactor trip is attributed to conservative operator action in anticipation of a Turbine trip due to the mechanical failure of a Hydraulic "O" ring in the Main Turbine Electro-Hydraulic Control (EHC) system.

ANALYSIS OF EVENT

One Feedwater Regulating Valve (FRV) was slow to completely close in response to a Feedwater Isolation Signal. All other systems functioned per design.

IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

The hydraulic "O" ring in the EHC system was replaced. Mechanical grooming of the FRV was accomplished. The outage package was reviewed for additional items which could be worked to enhance plant performance. These items were identified and worked prior to plant restart.

ADDITIONAL CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

SCE&G is evaluating the failure of the hydraulic "O" ring to determine whether additional corrective actions will be required for this non-safety related component. This determination will be completed prior to the end of refueling outage 10, scheduled to begin in October 1997.

PRIOR OCCURRENCES:

None